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Minutes 04/15/2010

Fiscal Resources Task Group - Vision 20/20

Minutes of Meeting 4/15/10

Selectman's Hearing Room -Town Hall

Present: Gordon Jamieson (Chair), Heather Primoff, Charles Hayes, Travis Manzione, David Garbarino (Acting Secretary), Philip Ferraguto

Welcome: Gordon welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and briefly reviewed the agenda: (i) New Projects and Ideas and (ii) 5yr Plan Retrospective Analysis/Report.

Review of Project Ideas: Richard and Alan were not present to report out their findings on a variety of project ideas (Richard) and an initial investigation into

Regional Sped costs (Alan) - The group discussed a wide variety of potential project topics which are summarized below (with thanks for Alan and Richard for their help in identifying potential projects) - Initial member interest in the project list is presented as well:

My Tax Dollars Analysis (Peter, Heather)

Capital Plan (esp. Photocopiers) (Richard, Add'l)

Town owned Building (use/dispose) (Richard, Add'l)

GIC - Employee H/C Insurance (Gordon, Pete, Add'l)

APS School Budget/Fees (Alan, Travis, Heather, David, Richard, Add'l)
Sped Cost per pupil in Arlington vs. surrounding towns/cities (A, T, H, D, R, Add'l)

Minuteman High Vocational High Cost (incl. SpEd costs/Increased utilization) (A, T, H, D, R, Add'l)

W/S Quarterly billing and grace period options (incl. option to pay for new meters vs. bond) (R, T, G, Add'l)

Regionalization options/study (David, Phil, Pete, Gordon, Richard, Add'l)

Property tax and new growth estimates (Charlie, Heather, Gordon, Add'l)

Assessor's Website (Charlie, Heather, Gordon, Add'l)

IT Efficiencies (postage, E-Alerts, payments) (TBD)

Enterprise funds (Richard, Travis, Gordon, Add'l)

Revolving Funds (Phil, Gordon, Add'l)

ARRA/Bonding (Richard, Add'l)

Quinn bill (Gordon, Add'l)

Review of Finance Report:

Gordon walked the group through the finance report and discussed the various elements and sources of data- The group was engaged in the issues and appreciated all the work that went into the report and provided many helpful suggestions that will help improve the reports content and presentation format.

Next Meeting: 5/20/10 Location Selectmen's Hearing Room